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Office Action Summary	Examiner Hau H Nguyen	Art Unit 2676	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3, 12 and 14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4-11, 13, 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-2, 4, 8-11, 13, 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by McCausland et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,243,331).

Referring to claims 1, 13, and 15, as shown in Figs. 1-3, McCausland et al. disclose a computer system and program for trading securities comprising a central host computer system, plural personal computer-based trading stations geographically remote from the host system, a communications network connecting the trader stations to the host system, and a special-function keypad (a control unit) attached to the trading station for interacting with the system. The host system comprises plural mainframe computers, which execute real-time programs for assembling bids and offers into finalized transactions. The trader stations each execute local software in real-time to provide different transaction display, analysis, and execution functions, and communicate in real-time with the central computer using the data communication network to interchange bid, offer, and other transaction data (see col. 2, lines 40-55). Special keypad is illustrated in Fig. 3, with plurality of trading buttons, for example the control key cluster 204 contains several keys which control display of information on the trader station CRT unit 152 (col. 7, lines 7-13). As illustrated in Fig. 3, McCausland et al. teach the keypad having buttons of different shapes and sizes, which can give the operator tactile feedback of the shape and size of each button. McCasland et al. further teach the trader station keypad includes four cursor

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movement keys including left-arrow key 208, and right-arrow key 210, and up-arrow key 212, and a down-arrow key 214 (col. 6, lines 41-60).

Referring to claims 2, 8, and 10, as shown in Fig. 3, the keypad 200 includes a plurality of pushbutton keys 208-258, which enable transactions to be completed with a reduced number of key strokes. The keypad 200 contains two main key clusters: A numeric/control cluster 202, and a screen select cluster 204. The numeric cluster 202 includes a conventional 10-digit numeric key set 206, and four cursor movement keys including left-arrow key 208, and right-arrow key 210, and up-arrow key 212, and a down-arrow key 214. The cursor movement keys 208 through 214 facilitate selection of items on the trader stations screen when the trading station software is running (col. 6, lines 41-60).

As for claim 4, McCausland et al. teach a voice recognition unit is contemplated for use to enter order and commands in conjunction with the keypad (col. 17, lines 40-42).

Referring to claim 9, McCausland et al. teach the [Alt] key 248, the [Ctrl] key 250, and the [Shift] key 252 enable the operator to accomplish specified operations when the keys 248, 250 or 252 are held down and another key is simultaneously pressed. For example, when the [Ctrl] key 250 is held down and the [Pg Fwd] key 236 is pressed, the trader station will display the next page format forward in the display. Thus, the [Ctrl] key 250 acts as a "accelerator" key, enabling the operator to quickly jump to specified format pages in the display. Similarly, the [Alt] key 248 and the [Shift] key 252 cause specified operations to occur when used in conjunction with another key (col. 7, lines 23-35).

As for claim 11, with reference to FIG. 5A, McCausland et al. further teach that to begin active operations, a user then selects menu item 1 from screen 601. The trader station software

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passes control to block 408 and the trading station then displays a screen and pauses until the user enters a trader identification number, as shown in blocks 408 and 410 of FIG. 5. The user types in a trader ID and a corresponding password to verify. This request is received and acted upon by the market memory program 90. If the trader ID and password are valid, the market processor 110 then downloads market information by transferring data over the communication links 101 or 102 between the update market processor 111 and the trader station 100, which acts as a slave during the transfer (col. 17, lines 54-68, and col. 18, line 1-5).

In regard to claims 17 and 18, McCausland et al. teach when using any of the four action keys 232, 228, 230 or 226 on the keyboard 200, [Bid], [Offer], [Hit] or [Take], there is no need to type either an amount or a price. The following default rules apply when keys 226, 228, 230 or 232 are pressed:

1. Hit or Take entries automatically default to both size and price as displayed.
2. Bid or Offer entries automatically default to a minimum trading size. This is \$5 million for bills, and \$1 million for coupons (col. 22, lines 64-67, and col. 23, lines 1-5). Thus, the buttons of the control unit can enable the execution of trades involving different quantities through a single click.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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4. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCausland et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,243,331).

Referring to claim 16, although McCausland et al. do not teach the personal computers need not be connected to a central server, wireless or mobile personal computers are well known in the art, and therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the personal computer as taught by McCausland et al. using wireless communication so that it is more compact and portable.

5. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCausland et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,243,331) in view of Grant (U.S. Patent No. 5,854,624).

Referring to claims 5 and 6, McCausland et al. teach all the limitations of claims 5 and 6 as applied in claim 1 above, except for the control unit having a visual display.

However, Grant discloses a pocket-sized user interface for world-wide web terminals and the like, such as personal computers, televisions, telephones, videogames and other consumer electronics. As shown in FIG. 3, the device 30 includes the display 54. The display 54 may be located in virtually any position on the housing 48 (col. 4, lines 41-43).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize the display in the keypad for browsing as taught by Grant and incorporate to the trading control keypad as taught by McCausland et al. in order to provide information to the user, such as status or strength of the keypad's connection to the browser terminal, or the URL address, or many other bits of information (col. 4, lines 44-49).

6. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCausland et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,243,331) in view of Akatsuka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,047,754).

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Referring to claim 7, as cited above in claim 1, McCausland et al. teach all the limitations of claim 7, except that the control unit further comprises two or more visual displays in electrical communication with one or more computers, and a transfer mechanism to shift control between the displays.

However, Akatsuka et al. disclose a display apparatus for displaying a position indicating mark over a plurality of display screens comprises: a plurality of display units, each having a display screen; a coordinate input unit for entering coordinates of a current position of a position indicating mark to be displayed on a display screen; and a signal processing unit coupled with said display units and coordinate input unit for selecting automatically a display unit to which said coordinates entered by said coordinate input unit belong and for displaying the position indicating mark on the selected display unit (transfer mechanism for shifting between displays) (see col. 3, lines 21-34).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize the method as taught by Akatsuka et al. and combine with the trading control keypad as taught by McCausland et al. in order to control the cursor over multiple displays (col. 1, lines 11-14).

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau H. Nguyen whose telephone number is: 703-305-4104. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30-5:30.

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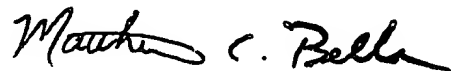
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
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